

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Erica Jung	Team: Squad #1	CCRB Case #: 202102663	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Sunday, 05/02/2021 11:35 PM	Location of Incident: Over the telephone (52nd Precinct)	Precinct: 52	18 Mo. SOL 11/2/2022	EO SOL 11/2/2022	
Date/Time CV Reported Mon, 05/03/2021 8:18 AM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Call Processing System	Date/Time Received at CCRB Mon, 05/03/2021 8:18 AM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. SGT Craig Basler	00544	933636	052 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.SGT Craig Basler	Discourtesy: Sergeant Craig Basler spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)	
B.SGT Craig Basler	Abuse: Sergeant Craig Basler refused to provide his name to § 87(2)(b)	
C.SGT Craig Basler	Abuse: Sergeant Craig Basler refused to provide his shield number to § 87(2)(b)	

Case Summary

§ 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB via the call processing system on May 3, 2021.

On May 2, 2021 at approximately 11:35 pm, § 87(2)(b) called the 52nd Precinct and spoke with Sgt. Craig Basler to complain about several issues that were going on at Hull Avenue in the Bronx. § 87(2)(b) asked Sgt. Basler for his name and badge number, and Sgt. Basler told § 87(2)(b) that he was “full of shit” (**Allegation A—Discourtesy: § 87(2)(g)**). Sgt. Basler then hung up the phone without providing his name or shield number (**Allegations B and C—Abuse of Authority: § 87(2)(g)**).

There was no BWC footage that captured this incident.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Discourtesy: Sergeant Craig Basler spoke discourteously to § 87(2)(b)

Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Craig Basler refused to provide his name to § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b)

Allegation (C) Abuse of Authority: Sergeant Craig Basler refused to provide his shield number to § 87(2)(b)

§ 87(2)(b) stated that he called the 52nd Precinct to make a complaint about several issues, including a knife fight, that was going on at Hull Avenue. § 87(2)(b) pressed prompt number two to reach someone from the detective squad and a detective stated that he was transferring him to the desk sergeant. A male voice answered the phone and § 87(2)(b) told him about the problems going on at Hull Avenue. § 87(2)(b) then said that the officers at the 52nd Precinct were not doing their jobs and falsifying reports about the complaints he made. The male subject officer responded, “I don’t want to hear this shit.” § 87(2)(b) then asked the officer for his name and badge number. The subject officer told § 87(2)(b) that he was “full of shit” again and hung up the phone (Board Review 01).

Sgt. Basler was the assigned desk officer at the time of the incident. He stated that as the desk sergeant, he was responsible for the general operations of the command during his tour. When someone calls in a complaint and a unit is assigned to the field, Sgt. Basler makes an entry on the telephone messages. Sgt. Basler does not keep a record of every phone call that comes in through the desk. He usually picks up the desk phone when it rings, but sometimes the telephone switchboard (T/S) operator answers it when he is busy. Sgt. Basler did not remember anyone from the detective squad forwarding a call to him on this date. He was not familiar with § 87(2)(b) and did not recall receiving any complaints about any problems that were happening on Hull Avenue. Sgt. Basler did not recall telling anyone that they were “full of shit.” Sgt. Basler did not recall anyone asking him for his name and shield number on this date. When he answers the phone, Sgt. Basler always provides his rank, name, shield, and command. When people ask for his name and shield number, he always provides them (Board Review 02).

On the date and time of the incident, PO Patricia Wojnicki, a female officer assigned to the 52nd Precinct, was the T/S operator (Board Review 03). Sgt. Basler did not refer to any officer other than the T/S officer who would have answered the phone during the incident (Board Review 02). Because the T/S officer was a female and did not fit the description of the subject provided by § 87(2)(b), the investigation determined by a preponderance of evidence that Sgt. Basler was the subject officer.

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Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- § 87(2)(b)
[Redacted]
 - [Redacted]
 - [Redacted]
 - [Redacted]
 - [Redacted]
 - [Redacted]
 - [Redacted]
- Sgt. Craig Basler has been a member of service for 17 years and has been a subject in 11 CCRB complaints and 28 allegations, of which one was substantiated:
 - 201304834 involved a substantiated allegation of premises entered and/or searched against Sgt. Basler. The Board recommended Charges and the NYPD imposed a forfeiture of two vacation days.
 - § 87(2)(g) [Redacted]

Mediation, Civil, and Criminal Histories

- This complaint was not suitable for mediation.
- As of May 20, 2021, the New York City Office of the Comptroller has no record of a Notice of Claim being filed in regards this to complaint (Board Review 05).
- § 87(2)(b) [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted] (Board Review 06).

Squad No.: 1

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